

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/785,292

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 10/25/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3, 5-10, 13, 23-24, 29, 34-37 now renumbered as 2-5, 8, 6-7, 9-11, 13, 15, 1, 12, 14 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20070104.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John A. Krause on 01/05/07.

2. The application have been amended as follows:

Please amend specification filed on 10/25/06 as follows:

Line 3, after "**medium**", add "**includes a computer storage medium and a transmission medium. The computer storage medium**"

Line 6, after "**computer.**", add "**The transmission medium may also include a hard wired medium such as exemplified in the Internet system, or wireless medium such as exemplified in the GSM mobile telephone system.**"

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

Line 12 of claim 35, replace "**the desired font**" with "**the selected desired font**"

Please amend claim 36 as follows:

Line 13 of claim 36, replace "**the desired font**" with "**the selected desired font**"

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

Line 2 of claim 37, replace “**machine-readable program code recorded in a machine-readable recording medium**” with “**computer-readable program code recorded in a computer-readable storage medium**”

Line 15 of claim 37, replace “**the desired font**” with “**the selected desired font**”

Please amend claims 3, 5-10, 13, 23-24 as follows:

Line 1 of each claim 3, 5-10, 13, 23-24, replace “**A method**” with “**The method**”

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

Line 1 of claim 29, replace “**An apparatus**” with “**The apparatus**”

Please amend claim 34 as follows:

Line 1 of claim 34, replace “**A computer**” with “**The computer**”

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 35-37 (now renumbered respectively as 1, 12, 14), the features of displaying a number of fonts that best matching to a most common key feature, wherein the most common key feature is determined based on commonalities in key features analyzed in metadata associated with images; and setting one or more captions associated with the image to a desired font selected in the displayed font are not shown and would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in view of the prior art of record.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu V. Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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